

REMARKS

Please reconsider this application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of the Claims

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, and 6 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from the independent claims.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-8 have been amended by way of this reply to clarify the claimed invention. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Support may be found in the original claims and the published specification.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1-8 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the "date and time adjustment means for repeating date and time setting processing of acquiring the current date and time from each of an external apparatus having a function of outputting said time count means" is not supported by the disclosure. *See* Office Action of December 11, 2007 at page 3.

As noted above, claims 1-8 have been amended by way of this reply to clarify the claimed invention. Claims 1, 3, and 6 now recite date and time adjustment means wherein the external apparatus current date and time and the printer/information processing apparatus current date and time are acquired independently of one another. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that the claims are narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with customary U.S. practice. *See* Office Action of December 11, 2007 at page 3.

As noted above, claims 1-8 have been amended by way of this reply to clarify the claimed invention. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 04995/119001).

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